(d) if, not the reasons therefor in view of the fact that the mode of direct recruitment to the post of Assistants in the Central Government as well as in the Union Territory of Delhi is the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Yes. Sir.

(b) to (d) The information is being collected from Delhi Administration.

Microwave link between Bhubaneshwar to New Delhi via Cuttack

2411. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Orissa have requested the Central Government to provide Microwave link between Bhubaneshwar to New Delhi via Cuttack so that the news clippings could be passed on to Delhi, the same day for inclusion in National News bulletins; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) It has been decided to distribute regional TV service in Orissa on availability of capacity in the space segment and establishment of an Uplink Terminal near Bhubaneshwar in the ground segment. This facility, when commissioned into service, is also planned to be used for feeding the news and other topical programmes from Doordarshan Kendra under implementation at Bhubaneshwar to Delhi.

T.V. film makers

2412. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of T.V. film makers, known for their independent outlook and who were blacklisted sometime back continue to be so till today;

(b) whether a number of T.V. films produced by them were shelved;

(c) what are the names of the telefilms shelved and since when together with the reasons therefor; and

(d) what is the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. UPENDRA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) There is no instance where it has been decided to ban the telecast of a TV programme assigned by Doordarshan to outside producers on the ground that it is critical of the present Government. It has not, however, been possible to telecast some of these programmes on considerations of present programme requirements of Doordarshan.

Paika Mutiny

2413. SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to recognise PAIKA MUTINY of 1817 in Orissa as the first independence movement; and

(b) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) No, Sir.